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Dear Sir:

**Preliminary Amendment**

A Request for Continued Examination and the requisite fee as well as a Petition for extension of time and the requisite fee are filed herewith.

Entry of the amendment filed March 28, 2005 is respectfully requested.

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Entry of the Supplemental Information Disclosure  
Statement filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Entry the following amendments and remarks into the  
record is also respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 19.